

Public Safety Committee  
Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
**Meeting held virtually due to COVID-19.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Dianne Duggan.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Dianne Duggan and Erika Stuart. Others present: Members of the public, Police Chief Patrick Reese, Lieutenant Chris Jones, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, City Administrator Ian Rigg, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Samantha Jozefowicz, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Member Jim Brooks and Citizens: Bill Lathrop and Michaela Dwyer.
3. **Agenda.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion was approved 2-0.
4. **Minutes.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the June 3, 2020 Public Safety regular meeting minutes. Motion was approved 2-0.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None.
6. **Old Business.**
7. **New Business.**
  - A. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the Original Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
    - (1) Evan Sullivan Senter.  
Motion approved 2-0.
  - B. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the Renewal Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
    - (1) Michaela M Dwyer (Non Recommend).  
Motion approved 2-0.
    - B. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the Renewal Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
      - (2) Whitney Shae McIntyre.  
Motion approved 2-0
  - C. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the Care House interagency agreement. Motion was approved 2-0.
  - D. Discussion regarding having 2 Police Sergeants instead of 1 was supported by the committee.
8. **Police Department Report.** Chief Reese gave the written monthly report covering the training for officers, community outreach, updates in the department, staffing matters, and accreditation. No officers currently in the field training program. Officer Laufenberg attended LEEDS online training June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Officers Schmidt and Nankee attended SWAT training June 25<sup>th</sup>. Chief Reese attended Marsys Law training online June 19<sup>th</sup>. Officer Rittenhouse continues to be our COVID-19 resource officer. Rock County Emergency Management ended their once a week COVID-19 meetings that Chief Reese, Lieutenant

Jones and Officer Rittenhouse had been attending. These meetings were once per business day and then three times a week and now will be announced as needed. Chief Reese assisted Mount Horeb PD with promotional interviews. Chief Reese visited the new offices of Building a Safer Evansville and assisted in moving and setting up some items in the new space at UCC. We've been attending BASE meetings virtually for the last several months. Lieutenant Jones will attend the first virtual Municipal Court to assist with any technical difficulties and to act as the court officer. Lieutenant Jones is troubleshooting the body camera we continue to have problems with our current ones not recording, downloading properly and just overall wear and tear. This is something we will budget to replace in 2021. Working with Building a Safer Evansville to install a new drug drop box. The one we currently have is rusting away and needs to be replaced. Chief Reese obtained a new one a couple years ago that just needs to be painted, stickered and put in as the replacement. The replacement was won from CVS on a grant. During heavy rain fall our building gets water that comes into it. We will need to get gutters on the east end of the building. The water compromises our evidence intake room, evidence storage lockers and squad room the most. This is also where ice builds up making exit routes unsafe. This has been an issue since we've moved into this building. Where our offices/Evidence room/squad room/interview rooms/IT room are located is an old garage where fire trucks were parked. The floor was never properly leveled. Sewer smell in the garage has been a bit overwhelming again. Our refrigerator was repaired, but then broke again. Repair person is scheduled to come in and repair it. This was a donated refrigerator by Sub Zero and has worked well since we moved into this building – the repair person suggests a better ventilation/exhaust fan in the kitchen the current one has been in use since our building was a fire department. Lieutenant Jones and Chief Reese are currently researching redaction software for body camera and squad video. Our current system does not have redaction software and we must get this software in place ASAP so we can fulfil records request with the ability to redact protected information (Juvenile faces, voices, DOT data, etc). Second interviews were conducted on 4 police applicants. Officer Rittenhouse is conducting their backgrounds. Interviews were conducted on two internal applicants for Police Sergeant. Patrol staff will be working 12 hours each on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July due to the uncertainty of the turnout for the fireworks show and possible traffic issues. The concerns are parking, drinking and driving, and other safety issues. Chief Reese will request a Police Commission meeting once we have backgrounds done and the promotional process for Sergeant finalized. Calls for June were 1172 in 2020 and 1182 in 2019.

9. **EMS Report.** Chief Kessenich sent the report electronically. There were 42 calls for service during the month of June 2020 and 54 calls for service during the month of June 2019. 246 to date call volume for 2020 and 304 to date call volume for 2019. Decrease in call volume continues overall, with an upward trend of call volume of recent. Continue to wear full PPE is being worn on all calls: N95 mask, safety glasses/goggles, face shield, gown and boot/shoe covers. We continue to remain in contact with PD and Fire with medical responses making sure that everyone is wearing PPE and staying safe with approaching patients. New EMT's/Classes; one new EMT is in the process of completing testing phase of her class, that had been delayed due to COVID-19. 2 people have contacted me with interest in becoming EMT's. Both are working on getting registered for a class at Madison College-Goodman Campus this fall. We provided Rehab and EMS for the Evansville Fire Department last weekend so that they could conduct Live Fire Training.
10. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 6:00 pm.

11. **Motion to adjourn.** A motion was made by Stuart, seconded by Duggan, to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Motion was approved 2-0.

Samantha Jozefowicz  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

*The minutes are not official until approved by the Public Safety Committee at the next regular meeting.*